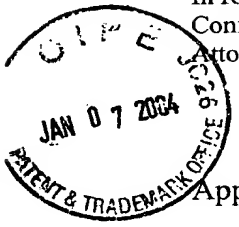


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Group Art Unit : 1661  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claim** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105** begins on page 4 of this paper

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

As January 3, 2004 was a Saturday and the United States Patent and Trademark Office was closed, this Amendment is timely filed on January 5, 2004.

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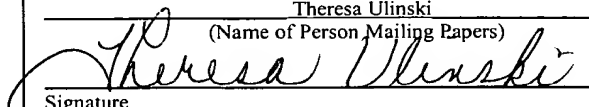
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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small Entity Status is/has been asserted for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.  
☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.  
☒ No additional claim fee is required.  
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE					\$ 0.00

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed to cover the filing fee.  
☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. An original and two copies of this sheet are enclosed.  
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